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Inventors: Hirofumi Ishii et al.  
For: Driving Operation Assisting Method and System  
Attorney Docket No. 5077-000030

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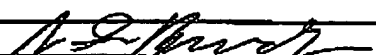
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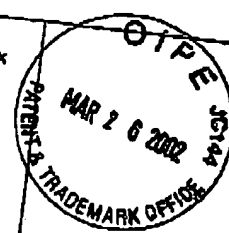
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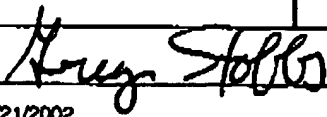
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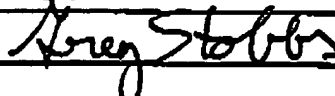
  

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